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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PDEV, PINT, WA, SF  
SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: CABINET SAYS IT WILL SEND ITS ANSWER  
ON SYG PROPOSALS SOON

1. PRESS ACCOUNTS REPORT THAT SAG CABINET AFTER ITS  
MEETING TO FORMULATE THE GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSE ON THE  
SYG REPORT, ISSUED A STATEMENT LATE ON NIGHT OF SEPT. 11.  
ACCORDING TO THE MEDIA, THE STATEMENT SAID  
SPECIAL ATTENTION HAD BEEN GIVEN TO THE "DEVIATIONS  
FROM THE ORIGINAL PROPOSALS CONTAINED IN THE WALDHIEM  
REPORT" AND THE SUBSEQUENT EXPLANATIONS OFFERED TO  
FM BOTHA DURING HIS NEW YORK DISCUSSIONS. THE STATEMENT  
REPORTEDLY GOES ON:QUOTE THE CABINET HAS FORMULATED  
ITS VIEWPOINTS ON THESE ASPECTS AND SOUTH AFRICA'S  
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ANSWER WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE FIVE WESTERN  
POWERS WITHIN THE NEXT DAY.

QUOTE: THE WALDHEIM REPORT HAS SUGGESTED THE  
POSTPONEMENT OF THE INDEPENDENCE DATE FOR THE  
TERRITORY--ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 31  
THIS YEAR.

QUOTE: IT ALSO MADE IT CLEAR THAT THE HOLDING OF ELECTIONS LATER THIS YEAR, AS PLANNED BY THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT, WAS NOT FEASIBLE.

17953: SWAPO IN PARTICULAR HAS BEEN SEEKING THE POSTPONEMENT OF THE ELECTION DATE TO GIVE IT TIME TO ORGANIZE ITS CAMPAIGN IN THE TERRITORY.

QUOTE: THE DEMOCRATIC TURNHALLE NCE IS STRONGLY OPPOSED TO THE POSTPONEMENT OF THE ELCTION DATE UNQUOTE.

2. ON E PRESS ACCOUNT QUOTED AN "INFORMED OBSERVER" AS SAYING THAT SOUTH AFRICA WOULD NOT "FINALLY CLOSE THE DOOR," BUT MORE LIKELY WOULD DRAW UP A TOUGH LIST OF FURTHER CONDITONS TO BE MET. BOTHA, WHO WAS INTERVIEWED SHORTLY AFTER THE CABINET MEETING, REPORTEDLY WOULD SAY NOTHING EXCEPT THAT HE HAD BRIEFED THE CABINET ON HIS TALKS IN NEW YORK.

3. THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S OFFICE HAS PROMISED THE EMBASSY A FULL TEXT OF THE CABINET STATEMENT.

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